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## PIRACY CRISIS



Two of the seventeen suspected Somali pirates charged with piracy are seen in a magistrate's court Thursday, June 11, 2009 in Mombasa, Kenya. All the seventeen suspects who were handed over to the Kenyan authorities by American marine officers who arrested them along the Gulf of Eden in the act of hijacking a cargo ship, which was headed to the port of Alexandria in Egypt, denied the piracy charges against them and were remanded at the Shimo la Tewa GK Prison.

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SPORTS NEWS

## PHILS PHIGHT



Phil Mickelson wears a breast cancer awareness ribbon sewn on his cap during his practice round for the U.S. Open Golf Championship at Bethpage State Park's Black Course in Farmingdale, N.Y., Wednesday, June 17, 2009. Mickelson is trying to keep some normalcy in a life that has been turned upside-down by the discovery that his wife Amy has breast cancer.

See Sports Today

"More than 13.000 Golf enthusiasts attended the event at RAI, Amsterdam"

## Aruba Present At Amsterdam Golf 2009

ORANJESTAD – Recently the Amsterdam Golf 2009 event was held at RAI, Amsterdam. This event took place in the weekend of the 6th to the 8th of March. The attendance on the first day of the event was a record breaking one as more than 12.130 golf enthusiast made it out.

This is the only event that dedicates itself solely to Golf and all that pertains to it. Offering 145 varying stands of representatives in the golf and gear industry as well as the many Pro golfer's holding presentations, showcases of the latest in golf-related science not to mention the many golfing destinations like Cyprus, Spain, Portugal, Aruba, that was well-represented by Mr. Jaap Ellis and Mr. Roy Hart whom are executives of ATA in The Hague, thru out the event.

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## Martin Air Familiarization trip enjoys signature Renaissance Hospitality



ORANJESTAD – A group of Martin Air travel executives stopped at the Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino for delicious breakfast at Aquarius restaurant followed by a group inspection.

The dignitaries were escorted by Mildred Theijssen who showed them around the lovely complex at the heart of town. Pictured here E-bookers Richard Lodewijk Wouters & Michiel Delaere; World ticket center representative Marije Koopmans, Montys representative Rubin Aguas Mejia, Cheaptickets representative Johannes Cornelis Petrus van Pruisen, Maduro Travel representative Samantha A.G. van de Kamp, Arubaans Verkeersbureau representative Robert P. Hart, and Martinair Holland representative Linda Theeuwen.

The Dutch visitors witnessed first hand that the Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino truly caters to all vacationers. The two distinct hotel choices offer both style and a tropical elegance. While the Renaissance Marina Hotel is a hip adult-exclusive destination for travelers over 18 the Renaissance Ocean Suites offers family-friendly accommodations and facilities as well as kid's activities.

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# St. Maarten registers first case of H1N1 flu

~ Patient in containment at home, almost recovered ~



PHILIPSBURG--A young American University of the Caribbean (AUC) School of Medicine student on Tuesday became the first person in the Netherlands Antilles confirmed with the H1N1 virus, just days after the World Health Organization declared the virus a pandemic.

Local health authorities have advised the public to take the necessary preventative measures.

AUC Dean Hiroko Yoshida said yesterday evening that the student, a resident of St. Martin, was under containment at home and was being treated with Tamiflu antiviral medication. The student's roommate is also on prophylactic (preventative) medication and has also been advised to remain at home.

The university remains open. AUC Professor Dr. Albert van der Waag told The Daily Herald yesterday evening that the infected student, who had been in containment since last week Friday, had almost recovered from the flu and was doing well.

Van der Waag said the student had not travelled in at least six months and it was being investigated whether she had contracted the virus from a professor with whom she had contact during a class who subsequently left the island and was later confirmed with the virus in Japan.

He said the professor, who is married to an AUC student and had been residing in St. Maarten for well over a year, had been under quarantine in

Japan for several days and had now fully recovered and was currently out of the hospital. National Epidemiologist Dr. Izzy Gertzenbluth said Tuesday in Curaçao that Sector Health Care had informed him that a teacher working at AUC in Cupecoy had left St. Maarten on June 6 and "one or two" days later had developed fever and flu-like symptoms after arriving at his destination, Japan. "When he arrived they tested him and he turned out to be positive for influenza H1N1," Gertzenbluth said.

He said while the professor could have contracted the virus en route to his destination, the possibility that this case had originated in St. Maarten was being "seriously considered." "He could have also been infected on the airplane or anywhere else. What we decided to do is take a sample of people who were ill at the university and who had close contact with and him. ... SHCA did that investigation and according to protocols, a person was sampled, this was sent via Curaçao to Erasmus University lab [in the Netherlands]."

Gertzenbluth said SHCA had been notified immediately when the test results returned positive. "[St. Maarten] also started taking measures to contain [the virus]. Some measures were already in place in that the patient was already isolated at home and had been receiving treatment, and prophylactic preventative treatment for her roommate," he said.

He said physicians in St. Maarten were already on alert and a higher state of vigilance was in place. "St. Maarten is taking all the measures that it needs to take at the moment," he said. In its report of the case, the Public Health Department said in a press statement that it had been informed by a family physician that a person had departed St. Maarten on June 6 and had been quarantined in Japan on June 11 after being confirmed with H1N1.

The Health Department said that, based on the report it had received from the doctor and a number of flu cases on the AUC premises, a team of registered nurses had visited the university to identify persons who had flu-like symptoms and who had had contact with the person who had contact with students and/or who had travelled in the past seven to 10 days.

One sample was collected and sent to Rotterdam during this exercise conducted under the auspices of the Preventative Health Department, and the person was advised to remain at home.

SHCA said Gertzenbluth had informed it that the test had been confirmed as positive. The

Preventive Health Department said it would continue to monitor the development of the situation at AUC.

Yoshida told this newspaper AUC was taking the necessary measures.

Van der Waag said it would be interesting to determine whether the original H1N1 case had originated in St. Maarten. He alluded to the custom of residents kissing each other on the cheek as a greeting, three times on the Dutch side and twice in St. Martin, and suggested that persons be more vigilant when practicing this custom during this period of containment.

SHCA urges persons experiencing flu-like symptoms who have travelled to or arrived from countries other than Mexico and the USA within 7-10 days, or who have had contact with a confirmed H1N1 patient, to stay at home and call their physicians or the Preventive Health Department at tel. 542-2078, 542-3003 or 520-4523.

They can also visit the Websites [www.cdc.gov/swineflu](http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu) or [www.who.int](http://www.who.int) for additional information.

Sector Health Care has issued the following tips, which it

said residents could apply immediately: Wash hands often as protection from germs. Wash with soap and water or clean with alcohol-based hand cleaner/sanitizer. It is recommended that you wash your hands with soap and warm water for 15-20 seconds. Cover mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Dispose of used tissues properly in a wastebasket and wash hands thereafter. Frequently disinfect hard useable surfaces such as doorknobs, countertops, desks, phones, etc. Provide napkins and hand sanitisers on a regular basis for your staff and clientele. Avoid close contact with sick persons diagnosed with H1N1. Persons who have flu-like symptoms and have travelled in the last 7-10 days should stay at home and immediately contact their general practitioners/physicians or the Public Health Department. Diagnosed persons should stay indoors and protect their families and colleagues.

The World Health Organisation declared a swine flu pandemic last week. Nearly 36,000 people have been infected and 163 have died. □

## Caribbean cruise turned away over swine flu fears

By DANIEL WOOLLS  
Associated Press Writer

MADRID—A Spanish cruise ship was turned away from two Caribbean ports Wednesday because of fears of swine flu among crew members, the vessel's owner said.

Tour operator Pullmantur said its ship Ocean Dream with 759 passengers and 400 crew members was denied permission to dock in Grenada and Barbados after informing authorities there that crew members had flu symptoms.

The company said it later received confirmation that three crew members tested positive for swine flu. Another 11 have symptoms. None of the 14 is seriously ill, it said.

The sick crew have been isolated and no passengers have fallen ill, the company said in a statement.

But the nine-day cruise that began in Aruba off Venezuela's coast is over, and the company is now making arrangements to get the passengers back to their ports of origin, company spokeswoman Ana del Hoyo said. Passenger Miriam Tonk-Croes of Aruba complained that crew members weren't communicating with them.

"This is frustrating," she told Aruba radio station Canal 90. "We want to go somewhere."

Tonk-Croes said the ship is anchored near Venezuela's Isla Margarita. □



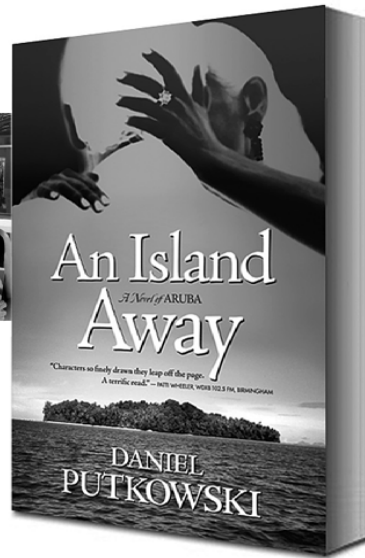
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## Aruba Present At Amsterdam Golf 2009



**Continued from Front Page** There was a strong media coverage for this event, present with amongst them "TelegraafGolfMedia" and the representatives of the different companies and destinations to place their information in the "media room" for those

interested. Taking advantage of this opportunity ATA not only provided the information but also used this to promote the upcoming "Aruba Pro AM Golf Tournament" that will take place on the island in the month of August. The representative of the prestigious "Dutch Golf Thropy" Ad Den Dulk who is very interested in organizing and sponsoring a golf tournament which will be replacing the "KLM Open". ATA Europe in effort to promote both Aruba as both a golfing destination and a vacation island offered as a first place prize 2 tickets to Aruba

with their stay at Divi Village, a round of golf, an island tour and "Sail & Snorkel Trip" with transportation provided by De Palm Tours. Second place was accommodations at Tierra Del Sol Golf Resort which also included a round of golf. The crowd was impressed with this as it was shown that in spite of its relatively small size in comparison to other destinations it knew how hold it own very well. Congratulations to ATA The Hague with their participation in this event and that Aruba was once more allowed to stand out. □



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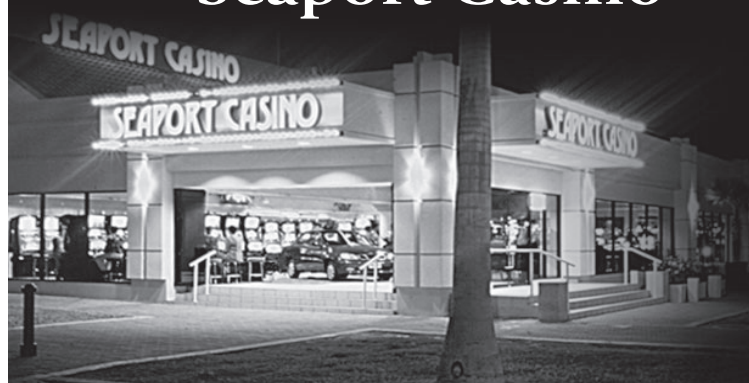


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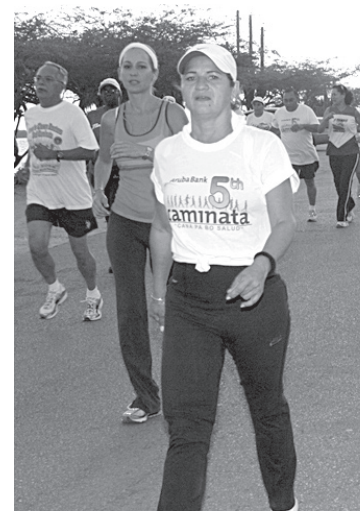
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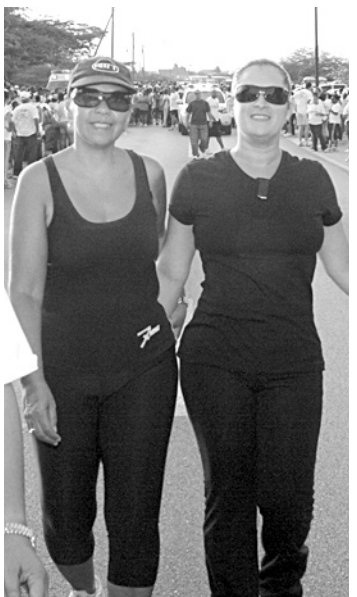


over 3000 people participating in this four days to better their physical condition, have a pleasant time with friends and/or colleagues but also take in some of the beautiful

landscapes of our island. The Walk took place on the 15th, 16th, 17th and the last will be today, the 18th of June 2009. The Walk will start at 6.30pm and has been alternating in

route. For example on the 15th of June the group started at 6.30pm from YMCA San Nicolas. The 16th of June starting place was Tele Aruba

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*Beach Tennis Nationals, Volleyball, Skim boarding, Wind- and Kite surfing on June 28*

# Monster Beach Tennis Event and more at Eagle Beach



ORANJESTAD - The First Active Beach Event is coming up: on Sunday, 28th June, Aruba's active people can be seen in action. The Beach Tennis Nationals, traditionally held in June, will be played, and there is going to be

volleyball, windsurfing, kiting and skimboarding as well. Deeja's take care of on-going hype, getting the adrenaline to soar, even if you don't play.

The Monster Beach Tennis Event will see 70 teams

in action. As the sport is catching on, many players are practicing a few times a week and the level of play has risen drastically, making it an even better spectator sport. Of course, with Monster energy drinks to boost your vitality. Registration for Beach Tennis is AWG. 20,-- per person; adults need to register either via [www.arubabeachtennis.com](http://www.arubabeachtennis.com) or call Jochem or Sjoerd at 583-7074/592-6421. Adults play from 12 to 7 pm, while kids can just show up (no pre registration) at 10 am. The Beach Tennis National are powered by Alno Kitchen, Amstel Bright, Aruba Aloe, ATA, Bacardi Mojito, Inter Assure and Monster Energy Drink. Expect the lovely



promo girls from Aruba Aloe and Monster at Eagle Beach too.

The Volleyball competition goes underway at noon as well. Registration can be either at Pro level (teams of 2 players) or Advanced (teams

of 4). Best of three sets will decide the winners. Pros pay AWG. 30,-- per team, while Advanced teams pay AWG. 40,--. Windsurfers will have their work cut out for them on Sunday, June 28 as well. Surfing at Eagle Beach is challenging, with choppy waves and windy conditions. An 8-course slalom race as well as a Sprint Slalom race for the kites are on the program. Super Kids, Pro Kids and Adults can register for the happening.

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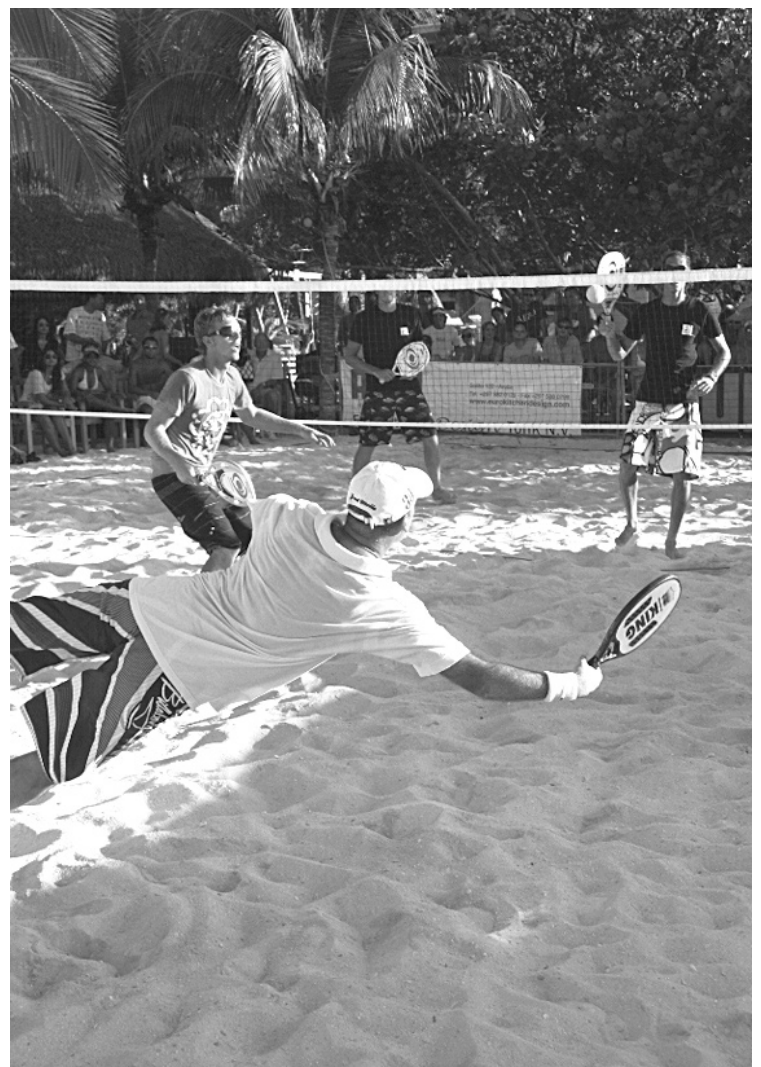
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form. For Louis Vuitton's Fall-Winter wardrobe, Studio Director Paul Helbers under the Artistic Direction of Marc Jacobs has taken inspiration from Africa, from the vast

# Louis Vuitton presents Mens Fashion Show

continent's great lineage of kings, and the way their royal caravans might tour the modern business world to create a collection that resonates with a sort of kinetic luxury, an energy that shimmers and whirs but never quite settles. "I began by envisioning the travelling business wardrobe of an African king," explains



Paul Helbers. "I wanted to blend contemporary tailoring techniques and practicality with the more traditional aspects of ceremonial dress – the intricate patterns, the continual use of layering, the clash of materials or textures to create depth. I wanted something loose, something



raw but without comprising on elegance or the silhouette." Short military jackets with an empire silhouette - a shape made popular in 1854, the date the fashion house first opened its doors - come cut in exquisite antelope leather or tumbled alligator, their epaulettes decorated with



the "Louis Vuitton" insignia in silver and white bronze. More formal wool jackets come printed in subtle traditional African patterns dating back to the late 19th Century, a fine mesh outer giving the garments an almost metallic iridescence. All the tailoring for this collection is

traditional in Naples, but the inside horsehair lining, usually assembled from many zig-zagged layers, has instead been woven into shape. This makes for a softer, leaner piece, but one that will hold its silhouette just as firmly. All jackets are lined with the Louis Vuitton house

"Damier". Trousers have been made using an oversize-back on a standard front. This pushes the back forward, the pockets creeping round the hips to create a draped, almost gathered leg shape. Travel is a key to this Fall-Winter 2009-2010 collection, as is the idea that an outfit can both be formal while also luxurious and comfortable. Long coats come in a mix of nylon and wool, using the cut of a



Crombie while also coming with a hood and a detachable lining. Knits come long, using the shape and rounded collars of traditional African tunics as a creative springboard, and then applying this to cardigans and fine cashmere sweaters. Textures are raised quietly on buttons (using a key and lock pattern) and on coats using heat-sculpted nylons and padded silks.

A rounded, more relaxed shape throughout is also amplified by the application of certain key fabric innovations: a "double face" knited technique (which allows for a garment to be worn unlined), and the



bonding of two fabrics that usually repel when treated together, such as sulphur-dyed denim onto soft leather. Key colours this season are indigo blue, "uniform" blue, indigo Bordeaux, a rich vermilion and warm wintry whites.





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## A prisoner's daring escape is the theme of an elegant, exclusive and exquisite evening



PALM BEACH - The world's most famous escaped convict has a home on Aruba. Called 'Papillon', the nickname of prisoner Henri Charrière, it is a truly elegant restaurant version of his prison. The biggest difference, however, is that superb food is served at Papillon. On Saturday, June 27th, Papillon is the place to be, celebrating all the good things in life, in freedom. The

evening's theme is 'Escape to Papillon', the dress code is 'stunning' and the subtitle is 'You give me butterflies'. You do the math....

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Transportation to The Butterfly Farm is of course by the Hummer limousine courtesy of The Village, hopefully on wings!

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# Velcro Industries N.V. Announces Deposit by Cohere Limited with Central Bank of the Netherlands Antilles for Remaining Shares

CURACAO, Netherlands Antilles, June 17 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ - Velcro Industries N.V. ("VINV") (Nasdaq: VELC), holding company of the Velcro companies and the industry leader in hook and loop fasteners, today announced that Cohere Limited ("Cohere") has deposited funds with the Central Bank of the Netherlands Antilles to pay for all 183,214 remaining VINV shares not previously tendered to Cohere (the "Deposit"). VINV has been notified that the Deposit, in the amount of approximately US\$3.9 million, was transferred by Cohere to Bank van de Nederlandse Antillen (or the Central Bank of the Netherlands Antilles) on June 15, 2009. VINV understands that as a consequence

of the Deposit ownership of all remaining VINV shares has transferred to Cohere and the former holders of VINV shares are only entitled to receive payment for their shares from the Deposit. Former holders of shares should contact Bank van de Nederlandse Antillen, Simon Bolivar Plein 1, Willemstad, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles (Attn: Legal Department), telephone (599 9) 434-5500; fax (599 9) 461-5004, with requests for release of funds from the Deposit as payment for shares or questions regarding the Bank's procedure for release and payment of funds. On June 16, 2009, VINV instructed the NASDAQ to terminate trading of VINV common shares. VINV is instructing its transfer agent to stop

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# US expands human trafficking watchlist

By MATTHEW LEE

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration on Tuesday expanded the U.S. watchlist of countries suspected of not doing enough to combat human trafficking, putting more than four dozen nations on notice that they may face sanctions unless their records improve. The move came as officials said the world financial crisis has left more people at risk for the crime.

The State Department's annual "Trafficking in Persons Report," the first released since President Barack Obama took office, placed 52 countries and territories—mainly in Africa, Asia and the Middle East—on the watchlist.

That number is a 30 percent jump from the 40 countries on the list in 2008.

Several nations that had been cited previously were removed from the list, but new countries cited for human trafficking problems included Angola, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Iraq, Lebanon, Nicaragua, Pakistan, the Philippines, Qatar, Senegal and the United Arab Emirates.

The report also placed the Netherlands' Antilles, a self-governing Dutch territory in the Caribbean, on the watchlist.

"With this report, we hope to shine the light brightly on the scope and scale of modern slavery so all governments can see where progress has been made and where more is needed," Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said as she released the 320-page document.

"Economic pressure, especially in this global economic crisis, makes more people susceptible to the false promises of traffickers," she said.

Inclusion on the watchlist means those countries' governments are not fully complying with minimum standards set by U.S. law for cooperating in efforts to reduce the rise of human trafficking—a common

denominator in the sex trade, coerced labor and recruitment of child soldiers.

If a country appears on the list for two consecutive years, it can be subject to U.S. sanctions.

Seventeen nations, up from 14 in 2008, are now subject to the trafficking sanctions, which can include a ban on

non-humanitarian and trade-related aid and U.S. opposition to loans and credits from the International Monetary Fund and World Bank.

The penalties can be waived if the president determines it is in U.S. national interest to do so.

Those 17 countries include traditional U.S. foes like

Cuba, Iran, Myanmar, North Korea, Sudan and Syria, but also American allies and friends such as Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

Malaysia, another U.S. partner, was added to the list of worst offenders, as were the African nations of Zimbabwe, Chad, Eritrea, Mauritania, Niger and Swaziland.

Luis Cdebaca, the director of the State Department's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, said the addition of the six African countries was due largely to a relaxation in efforts to fight domestic slavery, which has persisted.

"Those efforts seem to have stalled," he said. □

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**FILE** - In this Dec. 15, 2008 file photo, packages pass along a conveyor belt before being loaded onto delivery trucks at the FedEx Express Station in New York. FedEx said Wednesday, June 17, 2009, it posted a bigger fiscal fourth-quarter loss, weighed down by hefty one-time charges, but adjusted results came in well above expectations on Wall Street.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan, File)

# Stocks mostly fall on bank ratings, FedEx warning

By TIM PARADIS,  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — A cautious forecast from FedEx Corp. and a ratings downgrade of 18 banks gave investors new reasons to worry about the economy. Stocks mostly fell Wednesday, though health shares gained as the Senate made tentative steps on a health care overhaul plan. Overall, the market was held back by FedEx's weak profit forecast and downbeat comments about the economy. Analysts look to shipping companies' business as a gauge of the economy's strength. Financial stocks saw some of the biggest losses after Standard & Poor's cut its ratings and revised outlooks on

big banks. S&P cited concerns that the financial industry will remain volatile and that banks are expected to face tighter regulatory oversight.

In a bright spot, consumer prices rose less than forecast in May. Investors have been worrying that rising prices would threaten a recovery in the economy by curbing demand. Trading is likely to remain choppy ahead of Friday's quarterly "quadruple witching" day, which marks the simultaneous expiration of a number of different options contracts. Dan Deming, a trader with Strutland Equities in Chicago, said stocks are more likely to gain ground during such times.

The drop this week comes after stocks notched only modest gains last week. The selling has inserted a break into a three-month rally that had carried the S&P 500 index up 40 percent from 12-year lows. Many traders say expectations for an economic recovery had been too rosy.

Richard Hughes, co-president of Portfolio Management Consultants, said the market had gotten ahead of itself during the spring rally and that the economy remains weak. "People are taking a pause and it makes sense," he said.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 7.49, or 0.1 percent, to 8,497.18 after moving in and out of positive territory during the day. The broader S&P 500 index fell 1.26, or 0.1 percent, to 910.71, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 11.88, or 0.7 percent, to 1,808.06.

FedEx said its fiscal fourth-quarter loss widened because of hefty one-time charges and lower revenue, and the company warned it expects extremely difficult conditions in the next two quarters. FedEx fell 72 cents to \$50.70.

BB&T Corp. and Wells Fargo & Co. were among the biggest banks hit with lower ratings. BB&T fell 65 cents, or 2.9 percent, to \$21.58, while Wells Fargo slid \$1.31, or 5.4 percent, to \$23.09.

The KBW Bank index, which tracks 24 of the nation's largest banks, fell 3.3 percent.

The Labor Department said the consumer price index rose a seasonally adjusted 0.1 percent last month, less than a 0.3 percent rise that had been forecast. Excluding volatile food and energy costs, core prices rose 0.1 percent, as expected.

The market's zigzags came as investors looked at the White House's plan for remaking the rules that govern Wall Street. The changes would award new powers to the Federal Reserve to supervise large financial institutions considered too big to fail. □



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# Baron Cohen's Bruno has military flair at premiere



British actor Sacha Baron Cohen, centre, dressed as the character Bruno arrives for the British premiere of 'Bruno', in London, Wednesday June 17, 2009

(AP Photo/Sang Tan)

## Ain't No Plagiarism in Harry Potter Says Publisher

Los Angeles (E! Online) — Here's something Harry Potter's people would like to make disappear.

Bloomsbury Publishing is rejecting plagiarism charges against cash cow J.K. Rowling. The estate of little-known fantasy writer Adrian Jacobs claims Rowling ripped off the plot of his 1987 book, *The Adventures of Willy the Wizard No. 1 Livid Land*, for *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, the fourth entry in her phenomenally successful series.

"Bloomsbury would like to state that this claim is without merit and will be defended vigorously. The allegations of plagiarism made by the estate of Adrian Jacobs are unfounded, unsubstantiated and untrue," the company said in a statement.

So what prompted the legal case?

According to the complaint, filed in 2004 and which is



now making its way through London's High Court, the two books both feature wizards traveling on trains and a magical competition featuring a challenge involving a hostage situation (*Goblet of Fire* climaxes with the Triwizard Tournament, in which Harry

LONDON — Sacha Baron Cohen made a grand entrance Wednesday for the British premiere of his new mock documentary "Bruno," turning up in a skimpy variation of the uniforms worn by Buckingham Palace guards.

The British comedian came in character as Bruno in a towering bearskin hat, a red military waistcoat and tight black shorts. He was accompanied by a group of similarly attired men whose waistcoats showed off their midriffs.

"I just wanted to do something that was flattering for the royal family. Something that the queen — I'm not talking about Elton John — would really appreciate," said Baron Cohen as Bruno, a gay Austrian fashionista. "You know the British royal family and the Austrians have got a lot in common."

We're still the only people who are proud to wear a swastika."

Baron Cohen's flashy appearance at the premiere follows his stunt May 31 at the MTV Awards. As Bruno, Baron Cohen descended into

the audience on a wire, ending up with his bare behind in the face of rapper Eminem, who stormed off in a show of anger. Eminem later said he was in

on the gag. "Bruno" begins hitting theaters worldwide early next month, including July 10 debuts in Britain and the United States □

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## First-ever link between missing DNA and cancer: study

by Marlowe Hood

PARIS (AFP) — Scientists reported Wednesday the first link ever found between cancer and a type of genetic defect, called copy number variation, characterised by missing or extra bits of DNA.

The breakthrough came in a study on neuroblastoma, a devastating paediatric disease of the nervous system that accounts for 15 percent of all cancer deaths among young children.

Researchers led by John Maris of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia discovered that a copy number variation (CNV) on chromosome 1 can play a key role in the development of the disease, which strikes most commonly in infancy and is often fatal.

The absent stretch of DNA occurs within a group of genes involved in the development of the nervous system, and affects how much one of these genes is manufactured within

both normal and the cancerous cells. "This is a brand new area -- we never suspected that this family of genes played a role in neuroblastoma," Maris said in a phone interview.

In research published last year, Maris and others isolated another gene, known as ALK, that can by itself give rise to a rare hereditary form of the disease.

Last month, they unveiled common variants in a third gene, BARD1, that also enhances a child's susceptibility, though less dramatically.

The new research, published in the British journal Nature, is significant not only because it adds yet another piece to the neuroblastoma puzzle, but also because it implicates a whole new category of genetic material as potential cancer agents.

It has been widely suspected that CNVs could lead to cancerous tumours, but evidence had remained

elusive.

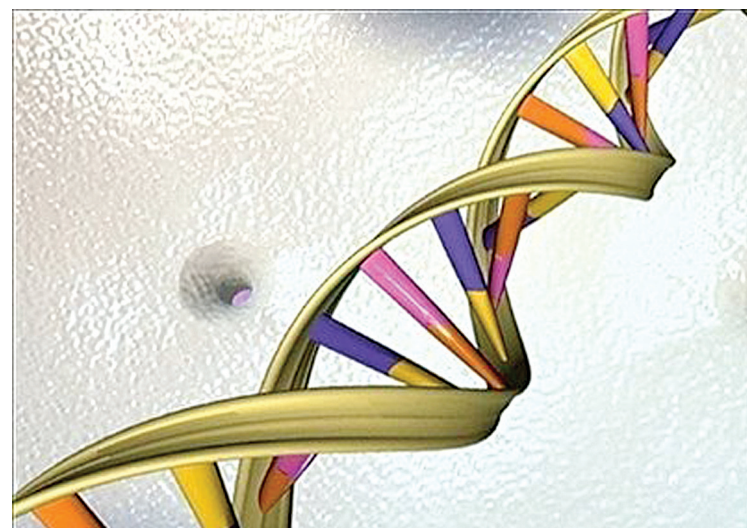
Using powerful computers, Maris compared long stretches of DNA in cancer patients and healthy persons to conduct what is called a genome-wide association study.

The technique has, over the last decade, uncovered hundreds of links between disease and DNA, but was designed to hunt for a different kind of genetic glitch, not copy variation.

"The achievement here was proving the hypothesis that CNVs do, indeed, predispose to this paediatric cancer," Maris said in a phone interview.

"We can infer that it's not just going to be true for neuroblastoma. My expectation is that there will be many reports following on this of similar types of associations in other cancers," he said.

The study also highlights the fact that, when it comes to disease, including cancer, there is no hard-and-fast definition



This undated illustration shows the DNA double helix. Scientists reported Wednesday the first link ever found between cancer and a type of genetic defect, called copy number variation, characterised by missing or extra bits of DNA.

(AFP/HO/File)

of what is hereditary. Only a handful of conditions -- the so-called Mendelian diseases, such as muscular dystrophy and cystic fibrosis -- are caused by mutations in a single gene. Most are triggered by a complex web of genetic and environmental factors that are difficult to tease apart.

"Like all human cancers, a small percentage of neuroblastoma runs in families -- usually one or two percent - and the rest seemingly occur

by chance," explained Maris. "The genome-wide association field is showing that it is not chance. There actually is a genetic susceptibility, but it takes a perfect storm of inheriting the right mix of these risk factors from Mom and Dad." With some variation worldwide, approximately 100 in a million children under 15 develop neuroblastoma. Incidence decreases with age, and is up to 10 times higher among infants than young teenagers. □





President Barack Obama, flanked by Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, right, and Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, takes part in a meeting with regulators, Wednesday, June 17, 2009, in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington.

Associated Press

## Obama initiative seeks fix to finance regulations

STEVEN R. HURST

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama proposed a major overhaul of the U.S. financial system Wednesday, unveiling measures he hopes would restore confidence and prevent a repeat of the worst crisis to hit Wall Street in seven decades.

The Obama plan would give new powers to the Federal Reserve — the U.S. central bank — to oversee the entire financial system and create a new consumer protection agency to guard against the types of abuses that played a big role in the current crisis. The president said his plan was “a sweeping overhaul of the financial regulatory system, a transformation on a scale not seen since the reforms that followed the Great Depression” of the 1930s. It would also reverse a campaign pressed in the 1980s by President Ronald Reagan to cut back on federal fiscal regulations.

Obama attributed much of the country’s current problem

to “a cascade of mistakes and missed opportunities” that happened over several decades, again blaming “a culture of irresponsibility (that) took root from Wall Street to Washington to Main Street.”

The 88-page proposal will spark intense debate in Congress. Opponents are already criticizing it as imposing too many restrictions that will harm the ability of U.S. financial companies to compete in the global economy.

The proposal seeks to revamp a regulatory structure that Obama’s economic team say couldn’t cope with burgeoning new credit products and the increasing complexities of the marketplace.

Under Obama’s plan, the Federal Reserve would gain power to supervise holding companies and large financial institutions considered so big that their failure could undermine the financial system.

But even as it gains new powers, the central bank would cede some banking authority

to a new Consumer Financial Protection Agency.

Working alongside the Federal Reserve, but without power to overrule the central bank, would be a new council of regulators that would monitor the overall financial system with an eye to preventing the unexpected collapse of huge institutions as happened last fall with AIG, the insurance company, and the Lehman Brothers brokerage.

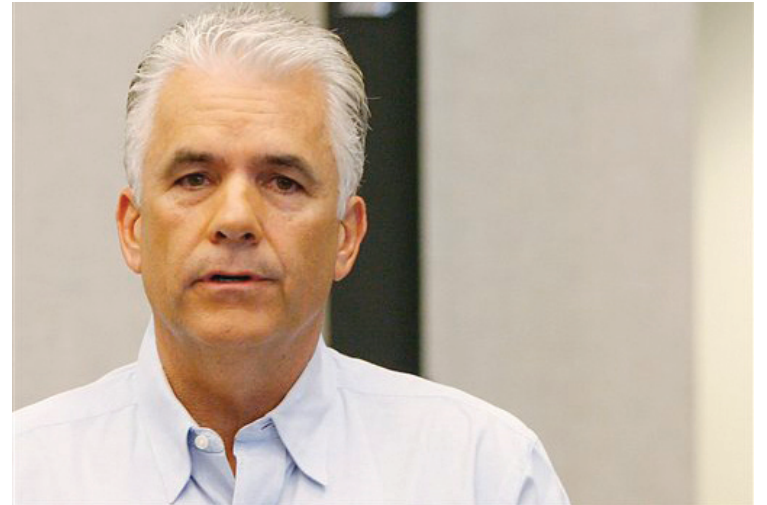
Obama wants Congress to make the plan law by the end of the year, an ambitious goal given that he also is pushing lawmakers to overhaul the U.S. health care system by October.

Both measures face a blizzard of opposition from special interest groups, who fear the changes envisioned will cut into profits or impose undue complexities on their industries.

In a Tuesday television interview, Obama said the plan was “a very strong set of regulatory measures that we think can prevent this kind of crisis from happening again.”

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## Senator quits GOP leadership post



Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev. speaks at a news conference at the Lloyd D. George Federal building, Tuesday, June 16, 2009 in Las Vegas. Ensign apologized for having an affair with a member of his campaign staff more than a year ago and says he remains “deeply committed” to his service in the U.S. Senate.

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DAVID ESPO

AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — A rising conservative Republican mentioned as a possible presidential contender in 2012 has stepped down from his Senate leadership post one day after admitting extramarital infidelity.

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In this image issued by the government run Fars News Agency, a supporter of pro-reform leader Mir Hossein Mousavi, covers her face with piece of cloth in green and a sign in Persian reads “Mir Hossein Mousavi” during a rally in Tehran, Iran, on Wednesday June, 17, 2009. Iran has accused the United States of “intolerable” meddling in its internal affairs, alleging for the first time that Washington has fueled a bitter post-election dispute.

Associated Press

## Iran accuses U.S. of role in election crisis

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From left, Sen. Richard Durbin D-Ill, Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, Director of National Economic Council Lawrence Summers and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, listen to President Barack Obama in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Wednesday, June 17, 2009.

#### FINANCE REGULATIONS Continued from Page B1

Christina Romer, the chairman of the White House Council

of Economic Advisers, said Wednesday morning that the administration proposal strikes “the appropriate balance” and

was “not bulldozing the whole system.”

The financial sector and lawmakers from both parties

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agree that significant changes are need in the rules that govern the intricate and interconnected world of banking and investment. They differ on the details.

Rep. John Boehner, the Republican party leader in the House of Representatives, predicted “we’ll have the federal government deciding what interest ought to be charged on credit cards, having the government decide what kind of financial products are available.”

Obama’s proposal would require the Federal Reserve, which now can independently use emergency powers to bail out failing banks, to first obtain Treasury Department approval.

The expanded role of the central bank and the new consumer regulator were likely to be the two main areas of the political fight in Congress. Many bankers oppose a new consumer protection regulator and many lawmakers worry the Federal Reserve could become too powerful.

Obama’s plan does not attempt major consolidation of regulatory agencies and does not inject itself into an ongoing debate over whether to bring some insurance companies under federal oversight.

“We don’t want to tilt at windmills,” Obama said on CNBC.

Obama’s decision to create a consumer agency is in response to criticism that mortgage lenders and credit card companies have taken advantage of unsuspecting customers and saddled them with too much debt.

The new regulator would have the power to demand that customers have the option of simple financial products, to impose fines and to allow states to pass laws that are stricter than the federal standards. Consumer protections are now spread among various state and federal authorities, including the Federal Reserve, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Federal Trade Commission and a variety of banking regulators.



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# Poll: Many Americans fear growing health costs

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

As Washington considers overhauling the nation's health care system, a new poll finds considerable unrest about health costs, with nearly half of all Americans worried about paying for future care.

Nearly one in four people expressed fear of losing insurance coverage in the next year. About the same number reported they or a family member delayed seeing a doctor in the past year because of what it might cost.

The survey, being released Wednesday, was conducted by the University of Michigan to measure consumer confidence in the health care system. The study was financed by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, a health care philanthropy.

The United States spends about 2½ times as much on health care as other industrialized countries, but it is the only developed nation that does not have a comprehensive national health care plan for all its citizens. The government provides coverage for the poor and elderly, but most Americans rely on private insurance, usually through their employers. About 50 million of the 300 million Americans have no insurance.

In its measure of consumer confidence about insurance coverage and access to care, the poll found a drop of 1.3 points from April to May. The confidence index, which the pollster and foundation officials initiated in May, was fixed at 100 points and dropped to 98.7.

Overall, 46 percent of those polled worried they would not be able to afford health care in the future. In February, the government estimated that health care costs this year would average \$8,160 for every man, woman and child in the United States, an increase of \$356 per person from 2008.

Worries about losing insurance coverage in the next year were reported by 24 percent of those surveyed. The biggest group fearing such a loss was between 50 and 64 years old, and more females than males fretted about losing their health insurance.

"As the economy continues to falter, health care insecurity is becoming an even greater issue," said Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, president and chief executive of the foundation, which provides extensive financing for health care research. One of the brighter findings of the poll: 86 percent of people reported receiving

quality health care, described as either good, very good or excellent. And 88 percent had health insurance.

The survey for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation asked about the importance of health care reform as part of the Obama administration's approach to addressing the economic crisis. More than three in four people, 86 percent, saw health care reform as an integral part of tackling the nation's economic woes.

The monthly telephone survey of more than 500 people had a margin of error of plus or minus 4.3 percentage points □



Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee member Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. asks when lawmakers would have legitimate cost estimates on the health care reform bill as he gestures over a stack of documents comprising of the bill and its amendments, Wednesday, June 17, 2009, during the committee's markup hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Associated Press

## More than 100 kids sue over parents' deportations

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MIAMI (AP) — Ronald Soza celebrated his 10th birthday Wednesday with cake and a serenade by more than 100 other children and their parents.

His own family: absent. His mother was recently deported back to Nicaragua. His father rarely ventures out in public in fear of a similar fate. Now Soza and the other children — all U.S. citizens whose parents could be or have been deported — are demanding a say in the immigration debate.

They are suing President Barack Obama, asking a court to halt the deportations of their parents until Congress overhauls U.S. immigration laws.

The children, who gathered Wednesday at the Miami nonprofit American Fraternity to draw attention to their cause, say their constitutional rights are being violated

because they will likely have to leave the country if their parents are forced to go. Some children said their families didn't have enough money to pay for school supplies because the breadwinning parent had been deported, and some are at risk of losing their homes. They also say they are suffering psychological and physical hardship.

"My grades went from A's to C's when my mom had to leave," said Ronald.

Nora Sandigo, the head of the Fraternity, originally brought the case on behalf of the children against the Bush administration. She refiled it in January in Miami and a hearing is scheduled for August.

Sandigo said she is frustrated that the Obama administration hasn't done more to address immigration reform.

"Today these children's voices are not heard," she said as dozens of youngsters squirmed and twirled their flags on a rug

before her, "but tomorrow these U.S. citizens will be voting."

Perhaps not literally, but many of the more than 100 children who gathered Wednesday are already in their teens and will be voting age by the next presidential election.

Sandigo says many of the children's parents came to the U.S. before 1996 immigration changes made it more difficult for them to become legal residents. When they came, they had a valid expectation that if they stayed out of trouble for seven years, they could eventually become legal residents, she has argued.

Immigration experts say the case has a tough road in the courts because Congress explicitly made the law retroactive.

But the lawsuit may help get attention for the issue in the political arena, said immigration Scholar Louis DeSipio of the University of California, Irvine. □

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# PETA wishes Obama hadn't swatted that fly

WASHINGTON – The group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals wants the flyswatter in chief to try taking a more humane attitude the next time he's bedeviled by a fly in the White House.

PETA is sending President Barack Obama a Katcha Bug Humane Bug Catcher, a device that allows users to trap a house fly and then release it outside.

"We support compassion even for the most curious, smallest and least sympathetic animals," PETA spokesman Bruce Friedrich said Wednesday. "We believe that people, where they can be compassionate, should be, for all animals."

During an interview for CNBC at the White House on Tuesday, a fly intruded on Obama's conversation with correspondent John Harwood.

"Get out of here," the president told the pesky insect. When it didn't, he waited for the fly to settle, put his hand up and then smacked it dead.

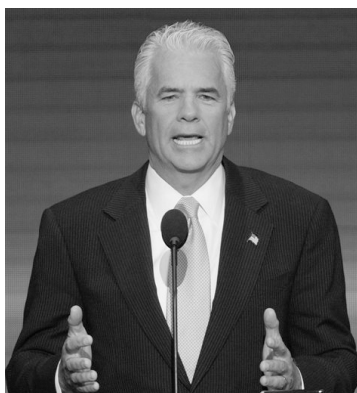
"Now, where were we?" Obama asked Harwood. Then he added:

"That was pretty impressive, wasn't it? I got the sucker."

Friedrich said that PETA was pleased with Obama's voting record in the Senate on behalf of animal rights and noted that he has been outspoken against animal abuses.

Still, "swatting a fly on TV indicates he's not perfect," Friedrich said, "and we're happy to say that we wish he hadn't."

Deputy press secretary Josh Earnest said the White House has no comment on the matter.



**In this Sept. 4, 2008 file photo Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev. speaks at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minn. It's been six months since voters handed the White House to President Barack Obama, and in the minds of a lot of Iowa activists that means only one thing - it's time to start the campaign again.**

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## GOP LEADERSHIP

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Sen. John Ensign of Nevada conveyed his decision in a phone call Wednesday to Republican Leader Mitch McConnell, who said he had accepted the resignation. Ensign was chairman of the Republican Policy Committee, the fourth-ranking spot in the leadership.

Ensign's infidelity admission adds to an ever-growing list of woes for the out-of-power Republican Party as it looks

to rebound against the popular President Barack Obama and his emboldened Democrats. The episode is another distraction for a party seeking a turnaround after disastrous losses in consecutive national elections as it confronts a stark reality: its less than diverse ranks are steadily shrinking, its regional heft is limited to the South and it lacks a leader of stature to guide the party back to power.

Ensign's admission also complicates Republican efforts to unseat Democratic Majority Leader Harry Reid, also from Nevada, in next year's midterm congressional elections.

The senator remained away from the Capitol during the day, and aides declined to answer additional questions about the affair.

Ensign, Nevada's most popular Republican, disclosed the affair at a hastily arranged news conference Tuesday, shattering his prospects for heading his party's ticket three years from now.

"Last year I had an affair. I violated the vows of my marriage," Ensign told reporters, refusing to take any questions. "It is the worst thing

I have ever done in my life. If there was ever anything in my life that I could take back, this would be it."

Ensign, 51, belongs to the men's Christian ministry Promise Keepers, and has championed causes pushed by the Republican's conservative religious base.

Earlier this month, he went to Iowa, home to the first U.S. presidential precinct caucuses, to speak as part of a conservative lecture series designed to define the Republican Party after its shattering defeat in last year's elections. Aides said the visit was about staking out a leadership position within the Republican Party.

"This really doesn't help a Republican Party that has tried to run as a party of family values," said Chuck Muth, a self-described conservative-libertarian activist. "It absolutely makes the party look hugely hypocritical."

Ensign did not disclose what prompted his decision to declare his infidelity.

Ensign's spokesman, Tory Mazzola, said the affair took place between December 2007 and August 2008 with a campaign staffer who was married to an employee in Ensign's Senate office. The campaign staffer confirmed her involvement in the affair.

Daniel Albregts, a Las Vegas lawyer for the couple, says that Doug and Cindy Hampton confirm that they are the couple Ensign referred to during his news briefing Tuesday.

Albregts calls it unfortunate that the senator chose to air what the lawyer calls "this very personal matter, especially after the Hamptons did everything possible to keep this matter private."

The lawyer says the Hamptons will be ready and willing to tell their side of the story at some point in the future.

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# Parents fuming over airline's kid-on-plane mix-ups

By **JUAN A. LOZANO**  
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — The parents of two young girls who were each placed on wrong flights while flying alone over the weekend are demanding that Continental Airlines make sure such mix-ups don't happen again.

Wendy Babineaux criticized the airline Wednesday for "total incompetence and a lack of caring" after her 8-year-old daughter, Taylor Williams, flew out of Houston on Saturday morning and ended up in Fayetteville, Ark. She was supposed to go to Charlotte, N.C., to visit her father.

The next day, 10-year-old Miriam Kamens wound up in Newark, N.J., while flying alone on the same Continental contractor, ExpressJet. She was heading from Boston to Cleveland to see her grandparents.

"That they did this with my child and turned around the next day and did it with another child shows they do have major problems," said Babineaux, who lives in the Bryan-College Station area 90 miles northwest of Houston. Continental says it is making sure employees follow its procedures on unaccompanied minors. But Jonathan Kamens, Miriam's father, said what happened with both girls shows the airline needs to change its policies.

"Unless they are doing that, they are not responding adequately and are in denial about the fact something needs to be done to prevent this from happening again," said the 39-year-old software engineer from Boston.

Continental, based in Houston, said that in both cases two flights were departing simultaneously from a single doorway and miscommunication among staff resulted in the children being placed on the wrong planes.

"We're reviewing the entire situation and are focused on reinforcing our procedures with our employees," said Continental spokeswoman Kelly Cripe. "We fly thousands

of unaccompanied minors every year and the procedures work when followed."

Babineaux, 39, and Kamens both said they are upset Continental didn't let them know right away what happened with their children and they first learned on their own or from other sources what occurred.

Both families had paid a \$75 unaccompanied minor fee for the service. Cripe said the airline has apologized to both families and they have been refunded the fee.

Kamens also said Continental has agreed to refund his daughter's fare, fly her back to Boston in first class and refund the cost of the tickets Miriam's grandparents in Cleveland bought so they could fly back with her.

Miriam got to Cleveland about four hours after she was originally scheduled to do so. Babineaux said her daughter finally got to Charlotte at about 10:30 p.m.

At Continental, parents provide contact information when arranging for a child to fly alone. The paperwork is then given to employees at the ticket counter and parents are given a dummy boarding pass so they can go to the gate with their child.

A child is supposed to always be escorted and supervised. A child can be escorted by a gate agent to a plane and then handed off to a flight attendant. After the plane lands, the flight attendant is supposed to hand the child off to a gate agent or escort. Relatives are given passes for their pickup people on arrival.

At Continental's hub airports — Houston, Cleveland and Newark — unaccompanied minors can wait at supervised facilities called Young Traveler Clubs, which provide entertainment and snacks.

While Babineaux has hired an attorney, both she and Kamens have said they are not looking for compensation from a lawsuit.

"I'm hoping to get better treatment for unaccompanied minors so no one will have to go through what I did," Babineaux said. □



Continental Express jets line up outside a terminal at Houston's Bush Intercontinental Airport Wednesday, June 17, 2009. Two unaccompanied minors traveling from different cities over the weekend, June 13-14, 2009 ended up at the wrong destinations.

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# Iran accuses U.S. of role in election crisis



This image made from video broadcast by Iran’s IRIB television, in Tehran, Wednesday, June 17, 2009, shows Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei speaking at a meeting with representatives of presidential candidates. Iranian opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi issued a direct challenge Wednesday to the country’s supreme leader and cleric-led system, calling for a mass rally to protest disputed election results and violence against his followers.

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Associated Press Writers  
TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran directly accused the United States of meddling in the

deepening crisis over a disputed presidential election and broadened its media clampdown Wednesday to include blogs and news Web sites. But protesters

took to the streets in growing defiance of the country’s Islamic rulers.

The sweep of events—including more arrests and a call for another mass opposition march through Tehran—displayed the sharpening attacks by authorities but also the unprecedented challenges directed at the very heart of Iran’s Islamic regime: its supreme leader and the cleric-run system.

Any serious shift of the protest anger toward Iran’s non-elected theocracy would sharply change the stakes.

Instead of a clash over the June 12 election results, it would become a showdown over the core premise of Iran’s system of rule—the almost unlimited authority of the clerics at the top.

For the moment, however, both sides appear to be using the same tactics since the disputed results showed hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as the landslide winner.

Opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi called for another mass rally Thursday in open defiance of Iran’s most powerful figure, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has urged the nation to unite behind the Islamic state.

Authorities rounded up perceived dissidents and tried to further muzzle Web sites and other networks used by Mousavi’s backers to share information and send out details of Iran’s crisis after foreign journalists were banned from reporting in the streets.

Officials also stepped up claims that foreign hands have been behind the unrest.

A statement by state-run Press TV blamed Washington for “intolerable” interference in the bloody showdown over allegations of vote-rigging and fraud. The report, on Press TV, cited no evidence.


It said the government summoned the Swiss ambassador, who represents U.S. interests

in Iran, to complain about American interference. The two countries severed diplomatic relations after the 1979 Islamic Revolution.


The State Department this week asked Twitter to postpone a scheduled maintenance shutdown of its service to keep information flowing from inside Iran, three U.S. officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the situation.

A State Department spokesman said Washington was withholding judgment about the election and was not interfering in Iran’s internal affairs. President Barack Obama has offered to open talks with Iranian leaders to end a nearly 30-year diplomatic freeze.

For nearly that entire time, Iran’s ruling clerics held uncontested power over nearly every critical decision, including possible talks with Washington. But the upheavals have pushed them into unfamiliar territory. □

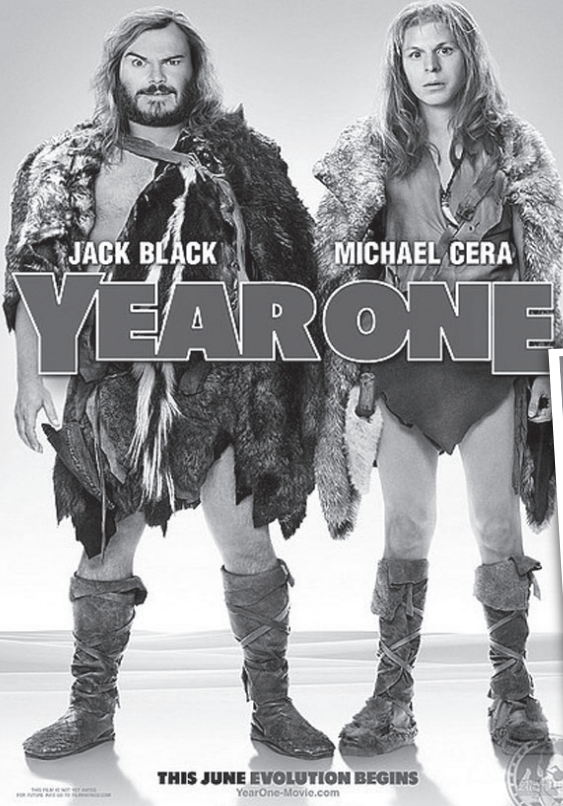


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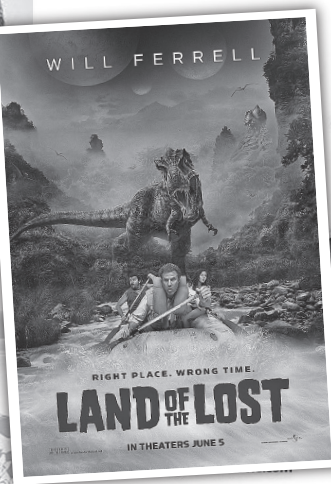
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# Interpol compiling Somali piracy suspect database

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Associated Press Writer

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Interpol is compiling a database of fingerprints, photographs and other personal information on Somali pirate suspects to help fight piracy at sea, the agency said Wednesday.

The information can be accessed by any of the agency's 187 member countries.

"Without systematically collecting photographs, fingerprints and DNA profiles of arrested pirates and comparing them internationally, it is simply not possible to establish their true identity or to make connections which would otherwise be missed," Interpol's Executive Director of Police Services, Jean-Michel Louboutin, said in a statement released Wednesday at the agency's headquarters in Lyon, France. Despite international patrols, piracy has exploded in the Gulf of Aden and around Somalia's 1,900-mile (3,060-kilometer) coastline — the longest in Africa.

Pirates are able to operate freely because Somalia has had no effective central government in nearly 20 years. Nearly every public institution has crumbled, and the weak, U.N.-backed government is fighting an Islamic insurgency.

The international community is grappling with how and where to try captured pirates. The United States, Britain and the European Union have signed agreements allowing for piracy suspects to be handed over to Kenya for trial.

Kenya, which is holding more than 100 piracy suspects from neighboring Somalia, has agreed to send photographs and fingerprints from those being held here on piracy charges, Interpol said. Interpol's bureau in the Seychelles islands already has provided information on its 23 suspects.

Many nations are wary of hauling in pirates for trial for fear of being saddled with them after they serve out prison terms.

There is talk of setting up a special piracy tribunal there akin to the International Criminal Court in the Hague. There are doubts that Kenya, which is still recovering from postelection turmoil in 2007 that left more than 1,000 people dead, would be able to handle the costly and complicated task of trying all or even most cases that emerge from the exploding piracy crisis in the Indian Ocean.

Seasonal monsoons have hampered pirate activity



Some of the seventeen suspected Somali pirates outside the Port police station in Mombasa, Kenya, after they had been disembarked from an American naval warship the MV Frigate Gettysburg Wednesday June 10, 2009, following their apprehension by American naval officers in the dangerous waters off Yemen. The suspected Somali pirates were arrested on May 13, 2009 as they attempted to hijack a merchant cargo ship which was headed to Alexandria port in Egypt. The pirates were armed with six AK47s, one pistol, one Somali sword and one rocket propelled grenade (RPG) launcher at the time of arrest. They will be charged in a court in Malindi town, 120km north of Mombasa.

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recently in the Indian Ocean, and the relative lull is expected to continue until at least the end of August, when the rough weather subsides, a maritime watchdog said.

"Small skiffs will find it difficult to operate in these conditions," said Pottengal Mukundan, director of the

London-based International Maritime Bureau. "We expect a dramatic reduction in the attacks in the Indian Ocean, and the Arabian Sea."

The last successful hijacking of a ship in the Indian Ocean was on May 2, and the last attempted hijacking in the area occurred on May 19,

according to the bureau.

Somalia has been mired in anarchy and chaos since warlords overthrew longtime dictator Mohamed Siad Barre in 1991. Experts have expressed fears that foreign Islamic militants could use Somalia as a base for terror.



# Autopsies suggest Air France jet broke up in sky



In this photo released by Brazil's Navy, a Brazilian Navy diver stands on a piece of debris of the Air France Flight 447 in the Atlantic Ocean, Wednesday, June 17, 2009.

*Associated Press*

**EMMA VANDORE**

**Associated Press Writers**

**SAO PAULO (AP)** — Autopsies have revealed fractures in the legs, hips and arms of Air France disaster victims, injuries that — along with the large pieces of wreckage pulled from the Atlantic — strongly suggest the plane broke up in the air, experts said Wednesday. With more than 400 bits of debris recovered from the ocean's surface, the top French investigator expressed optimism about discovering what brought down Flight

447, but he also called the conditions — far from land in very deep waters — “one of the worst situations ever known in an accident investigation.”

French investigators are beginning to form “an image that is progressively less fuzzy,” Paul-Louis Arslanian, who runs the French air accident investigation agency BEA, told a news conference outside Paris.

“We are in a situation that is a bit more favorable than the first days,” Arslanian said. “We can say there is a little

less uncertainty, so there is a little more optimism. ... (but) it is premature for the time being to say what happened.” A spokesman for Brazilian medical examiners told The Associated Press on Wednesday that fractures were found in autopsies on an undisclosed number of the 50 bodies recovered so far. The official spoke on condition he not be named due to department rules.

“Typically, if you see intact bodies and multiple fractures — arm, leg, hip fractures — it's a good indicator of a midflight break up,” said Frank Ciacco, a former forensic expert at the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board. “Especially if you're seeing large pieces of aircraft as well.”

The pattern of fractures was first reported Wednesday by Brazil's O Estado de S. Paulo newspaper, which cited unnamed investigators. The paper also reported that some victims were found with little or no clothing, and had no signs of burns.

That lack of clothing could be significant, said Jack Casey, an aviation safety consultant in Washington, D.C., who is a former accident investigator. “In an in-air break up like we are supposing here, the clothes are just torn away.”

Casey also said multiple fractures are consistent with a midair breakup of the plane, which was cruising at about 34,500 feet when it went down.

“Getting ejected into that kind of windstream is like hitting a brick wall — even if they stay in their seats, it is a crushing effect,” Casey said. “Most of them were long dead before they hit the water would be my guess.”

When a jet crashes into water mostly intact — such as the Egypt Air plane that hit the Atlantic Ocean after taking off from New York in 1999 — debris and bodies are generally broken into small pieces, Ciacco said. “When you've had impact in the water, there is a lot more fragmentation of the bodies. They hit the water with a

higher force.”

Lack of burn evidence would not necessarily rule out an explosion, said John Goglia, a former member of the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board.

If something caused the lower fuselage to burn or explode, “passengers would not be exposed to any blast damage” and the plane would still disintegrate in flight,” Goglia said. “These are scenarios that cannot be ruled out.”

Searchers from Brazil, France, the United States and other countries are methodically scanning the surface and depths of the Atlantic for signs of the Airbus A330 that crashed May 31 after running into thunderstorms en route from Rio de Janeiro to Paris. All 228 people aboard were killed.

Brazilian Air Force Col. Henry Munhoz said in a news conference Wednesday that several body parts, as well as pieces of the plane and luggage were found in the search area by the French amphibian ship, Mistral.

Munhoz did not provide further details, and Brazilian Capt. Giucemar Tabosa Cardoso said “a significant” number of body parts had been retrieved from the ocean.

Still missing are the plane's flight data and voice recorders, thought to be deep under water.

French-chartered ships are trolling a search area with a radius of 50 miles, pulling U.S. Navy underwater listening devices attached to 19,700 feet of cable. The black boxes send out an electronic tapping sound that can be heard up to 1.25 miles away, but these locator beacons will begin to fade after just two more weeks.

U.S. Air Force Col. Willie Berges, commander of the American military forces supporting the search, said the black boxes emit beacons at a unique frequency, virtually guaranteeing that any signal detected would be from the pingers.

“The question becomes if the black box is with the

ping, because they can get separated,” Berges said. “If a signal is located, the French would then send down a robotic vehicle that is in the area to look at it, confirm that it is the black box and bring it up.”

Without the black boxes to help explain what went wrong, the investigation has focused on a flurry of automated messages sent by the plane minutes before it lost contact; one suggests external speed sensors had iced over, destabilizing the plane's control systems.

Arslanian said most of the messages appear to be “linked to this loss of validity of speed information.”

He said when the speed information became “incoherent” it affected other systems on the plane that relied on that speed data. But he stressed that not all the automated messages were related to the speed sensors. The automated messages were not alarm calls and no distress call was picked up from the plane, he said.

Air France has replaced the sensors, called Pitot tubes, on all its A330 and A340 aircraft, under pressure from pilots who feared a link to the accident.

Arslanian said a French doctor from the BEA was not allowed to participate in autopsies done so far on some Flight 447 bodies by Brazilian authorities, and those autopsy results have not been released to the BEA. He said he was “not happy” with this situation.

However, he added that French judicial authorities, who are conducting a parallel criminal probe, were present at the autopsies.

Brazil's Federal Police and state medical authorities in Recife who are overseeing the autopsies said in a statement that two French investigators, a dental expert and a doctor, had been following the examinations as observers since June 10.

The French are leading the crash investigation, while the Brazilians are leading the rescue operation. □

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# Student protesters in Haiti burn UN police car

JONATHAN M. KATZ  
Associated Press Writer

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—Student demonstrators attacked and burned a U.N. police vehicle in the Haitian capital on Wednesday, adding to security concerns ahead of this weekend's scheduled Senate elections.

The student protests, now in their fourth week, are part of a general uptick in violence leading into Sunday's scheduled second-round elections for 11 vacant Senate seats. At least two people have been killed in clashes between political parties elsewhere in Haiti.

Two U.N. police officers were driving past the state university medical school when students bombarded it with rocks and forced it to halt, said U.N. police spokesman Fred Blaise. The officers escaped unharmed and the demonstrators burned the vehicle down to its metal husk.

Peacekeepers from India and Jordan arrived and formed a

perimeter around the SUV. Students threw rocks at the soldiers from inside the campus and peacekeepers responded with repeated rounds of tear gas. Haitian riot police stood at the ready nearby.

When peacekeepers and police left after towing the vehicle amid a driving rainstorm, hundreds of onlookers rushed in from the surrounding neighborhood dancing and chanting, "Burn them! Burn them!" Peacekeepers fired a final canister of tear gas as they sped away on the rock-strewn street.

The student demonstrations began in late May against the elimination of medical school classes but quickly grew into protests against the 9,000-member U.N. force that has been in Haiti since 2004, and in support of increasing Haiti's minimum wage from \$2 to \$5 a day.

The salary increase has been approved by the legislature but is opposed by business owners, especially owners of factories

that produce garments for sale in the United States and elsewhere. An agreement is expected to be announced by President Rene Preval this week.

Haitians are watching these protests closely as student-led demonstrations preceded major recent upheavals including the 2004 rebellion that ousted former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and the overthrow of dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier in 1986. □



A U.N. peacekeeper from India covers from the rain with his shield during a protest in Port-au-Prince, Wednesday, June 17, 2009. Hundreds of university students are demanding that university officials reinstate courses and that the government keep its promise of raising the minimum wage.

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I could still hear the laughter and  
Joyful screams of my brothers and friends

We are sinking I would scream  
As our little metal float starts taking in water  
Yes this lagoon that played a major  
part in my youth

My eyes fill with water  
My hands tremble  
I can't throw another pebble  
There is a lump in my throat  
that makes swallowing difficult

As I sit there remnants of history  
of this lagoon drift toward me  
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I hear her call me  
"Kat, we are over here"

As I turn around there is  
no one standing there  
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that I am only imagining things

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What will happen?  
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# SPORTS

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# Inspired by his wife, Mickelson goes for a trophy

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

FARMINGDALE, New York (AP) — The U.S. Open might have a tough act to follow. Tiger Woods was pure theater at San Diego last year, playing on a left leg so badly injured that the U.S. Open turned out to be his last event of 2008.

He made two eagles on the final six holes of the third round to take the lead, forced a playoff with a 12-foot birdie putt on the final hole on the Sunday, then battled Rocco Mediate over 19 extra holes to capture his 14th career major.

“I’m not sure we can duplicate that drama,” U.S. Golf Association president Jim Vernon said on Wednesday. Try telling that to thousands of fans who trudged through the soggy turf of Bethpage Black for five hours on the final day of practice, all



In this Sept. 19, 2008 file photo, USA’s Phil Mickelson lies in front of his wife Amy and teammate Anthony Kim on the 17th green during the four-ball matches at the Ryder Cup golf tournament at the Valhalla Golf Club, in Louisville, Ky. Mickelson’s wife, Amy, has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

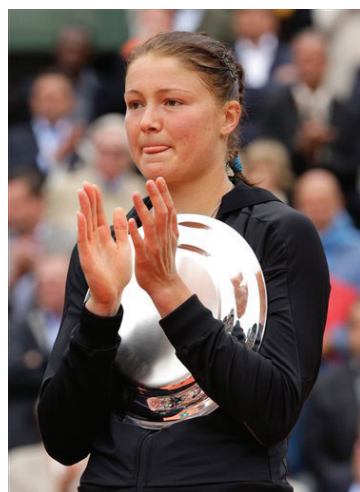
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## Nadal and Safina seeded No. 1 for Wimbledon



Defending champion Spain’s Rafael Nadal, L, reacts as he plays Sweden’s Robin Soderling during their fourth round match; and Russia’s Dinara Safina, R, applauds after losing to compatriot Svetlana Kuznetsova in their women’s singles final match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Saturday June 6, 2009.



Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Defending champion Rafael Nadal and top-ranked women’s player Dinara Safina were seeded No. 1 for Wimbledon on Wednesday. There were no big surprises when the All England Club announced the seedings for

the grass-court Grand Slam tournament, which opens Monday. The draw will be held Friday.

Wimbledon stuck closely to the world rankings in determining the seeding lists for the two-week tournament.

The top six spots in the men’s

list follow the rankings — headed by Nadal. Five-time champion Roger Federer is No. 2, with Andy Murray at No. 3. Murray won his first grass-court title at Queen’s Club on Sunday, becoming the first Briton to win the tournament since Bunny Austin in 1938, who then went on to become the last British men’s finalist at Wimbledon.

They are followed by No. 4 Novak Djokovic, No. 5 Juan Martin Del Porto and No. 6 Andy Roddick.

Eighth-ranked Fernando Verdasco is seeded No. 7 ahead of Gilles Simon.

Marat Safin, a semifinalist last year, is the No. 15 seed despite being ranked 23rd, while the big-serving Ivo Karlovic is at No. 23 while having a ranking of 31.

Among the women, Safina of Russia is followed by Serena Williams and defending champion Venus Williams. □

## WNBA Roundup

# Perkins helps Sky to third straight win

CHICAGO (AP) — Jia Perkins scored 25 points, including 11 in Chicago’s fourth-quarter comeback, as the Sky extended their winning streak to three games with a 78-75 victory over the Connecticut Sun on Tuesday night.

Off to the best start in their four-year history, the Sky beat the Sun for the third time in 12 meetings.

The Sky had their other three-game winning streak in July 2007. Chicago has a winning record for the first time since June 2007 when the team was 6-5.

Sylvia Fowles had 17 points and 10 rebounds, and Dominique Canty added nine points and five rebounds for the Sky.

Tamika Whitmore and Asjha



Chicago Sky’s Jia Perkins, right, drives to the basket against the Atlanta Dream’s Chamique Holdsclaw during the third quarter of a WNBA basketball game in Chicago, Friday, June 12, 2009.

Associated Press

Jones paced Connecticut with 16 points apiece. Erin Phillips added 13. □



# Fans flood Lakers party despite frets over cost

JOHN ROGERS

Associated Press Writers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tens of thousands of jubilant Los Angeles Lakers fans flooded downtown to celebrate the storied franchise's 15th NBA title with a high-energy parade and rally paid for by the city's movers and shakers on Wednesday.

People clad in the team colors stood 20 or more deep along the 2½-mile parade route from Staples Center to the packed Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, where players were greeted with a thunderous ovation and showered with purple and gold confetti.

After the rally, fans briefly danced arm-in-arm as the Randy Newman song "I Love L.A." blared over loudspeakers. Some had dyed their hair purple for the occasion. "Thank you for all the support, baby. We love you. Let's go, Lakers," veteran guard Derek Fisher shouted to fans along the parade route.



Angeles Lakers head coach Phil Jackson, left, speaks as Kobe Bryant looks on during the Lakers' NBA championship victory ceremony at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum in Los Angeles on Wednesday, June 17, 2009.

The Lakers finished off the Orlando Magic in five games on Sunday.

At the Coliseum, which holds 95,000 people, star Kobe

Bryant said he was anxious to win even more titles.

"Now here we are, back on top, so it just feels unbelievable," Bryant said, grinning broadly.

Associated Press

Fisher and coach Phil Jackson also spoke after the Laker Girls danced and the players body-bumped and high-fived on a hardwood floor brought from Staples Center, the team's home court.

Bryant led the crowd in a championship chant that he said he and his teammates shouted before, during and after every game this season. "I want everybody to say 'ring' on three: One two three ... " he shouted.

Crowds at the stadium and along the parade route were rambunctious but mostly

well-mannered, in contrast to the melee that broke out downtown after the Lakers clinched the championship in Florida. Eighteen people were arrested.

Police said there were only five arrests on Wednesday. They had no immediate details, but one rowdy celebrant was seen being led out of the Coliseum in handcuffs before the team arrived.

Police Chief William J. Bratton said at least 1,700 officers, some in riot gear and others in plainclothes, kept watch on the crowd.

The city held similar post-victory parades in 2000, 2001 and 2002 after the Lakers won championships, but the energy and size of the crowd didn't compare to this year.

"This is more special because we went through so many dark years," Bryant said as he prepared to board one of the parade buses. "You can just feel the energy in the city."

In the days before the event, much was made of its estimated \$2 million cost, with critics complaining that a city a half-billion dollars in debt and facing layoffs could not afford the celebration. But private donors joined the team and the owners of Staples Center in an unusual move to underwrite most of the cost. It was the first of the four Laker victory parades this decade to be privately funded. □

## AP Source: McHale out as Timberwolves coach

JON KRAWCZYNSKI

AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)

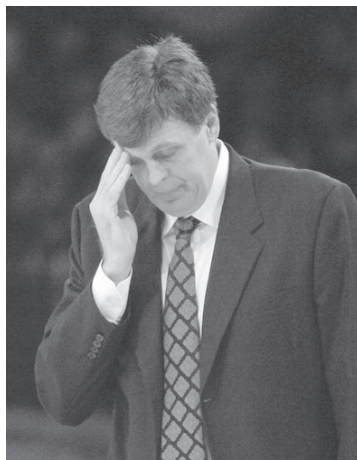
— Kevin McHale and the Minnesota Timberwolves have come to a mutual agreement that he will not return as coach next season.

A person with knowledge of the decision, speaking on condition of anonymity because an announcement had not been made, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that McHale and new boss David Kahn had decided that McHale's time with the Timberwolves was up. That confirms a Twitter message posted by the Timberwolves' Kevin Love early Wednesday that read, "Today is a sad day ... Kevin McHale will NOT be back as head coach this season."

The northern Minnesota native and Hall of Fame player, who won three NBA titles with the Boston Celtics in the 1980s, met several times with Kahn before they reached a conclusion. □

In this Dec. 14, 2008, file photo, Minnesota Timberwolves head coach Kevin McHale rubs his head during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Los Angeles Lakers, in Los Angeles.

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Phil Mickelson, left, discusses his shot on the fifth tee with caddie Jim "Bones" MacKay during his practice round for the U.S. Open Golf Championship at Bethpage State Park's Black Course in Farmingdale, N.Y., Wednesday, June 17, 2009.

Associated Press

## MICKELSON

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How much he plays in the rest of the year — Mickelson said the British Open was "unlikely" — depends on what doctors find when his wife has surgery two weeks after the U.S. Open.

"I'm putting everything I have into this week, because I don't anticipate being able to play for a little while," Mickelson said. "And the fact that my normal support system — Amy and the kids and so forth — aren't going to make the trip this week, I'm kind of hoping to feel that support to help me through the week."

That should be easier to find than a taxi in Times Square. Mickelson started his practice round on the 10th tee, the farthest corner of Bethpage Black, yet they were waiting for him. He wore a pink ribbon sewn into his white cap, and some of the fans also wore pink. It was the largest crowd

of the week when he made the turn, every grandstand full, every step accompanied by applause.

"He already is so popular in New York," swing coach Butch Harmon said. "And now with everything going on with Amy, they have even more love for him. He talks to them. He smiles at them. He takes time for them."

This was for a practice round on Wednesday, typically a quiet day on the eve of the U.S. Open. Imagine the energy if Mickelson works his way into contention on Sunday, with his wife at home facing such uncertainty.

Mickelson found inspiration from so many messages from his wife.

"She has left me a number of little notes, texts, cards, hints, that she would like to have a silver trophy in her hospital room," Mickelson said. "So I'm going to try to accommodate that."

So much motivation, yet so many obstacles.

The biggest might be the Black Course at Bethpage, already a beast with five par 4s longer than 500 yards. It is playing even longer because of rain that has soaked Long Island for the last month, with a nasty forecast of showers for most of the week.

"From tee to green, this golf course is all you want," Woods said.

The other obstacle is Woods himself. Not only is he the defending champion at the U.S. Open, he is the defending champion at Bethpage, the only player to finish under par in 2002 when he held off a Sunday rally from Mickelson. With two victories in seven

starts since returning from knee surgery, Woods appears to be hitting his stride.

Mickelson also is a two-time winner this year. He says he is swinging as good as ever, working hard on a baby cut that allows him to control his tee shots. The greens are among the flattest for a major, and they will be slightly slower than the USGA would prefer because of all the rain.

Mickelson spent seven hours at Bethpage Black last week, and got in 18 holes on Wednesday under refreshing sunshine. The test begins on Thursday, when he plays in the afternoon with Retief Goosen and Ernie Els. "You've got to expect him to contend to win," Harmon said. "He loves this golf course."

He's playing extremely well. He got a lot of emotions right now, but I think the fans will help him."

The question is whether Mickelson can keep his focus for 72 holes with so many fans showering him with so much support.

Mickelson decided last month to take a private family matter public, which exposes he and Amy to even more emotions. One reason she chose to stay home was to avoid seeing so many friends and fans, and the tears that would be sure to follow.

Going public has an upside, however, and Mickelson already has felt it at Bethpage. "The support," he said, "has meant the world to us." □

## MLB Roundup

# Ortiz leads Red Sox to win



Florida Marlins catcher John Baker waits as Boston Red Sox' David Ortiz follows through on a solo homer during the fourth inning of their baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston Tuesday, June 16, 2009.

Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — David Ortiz homered to start a six-run inning, then added a two-run single to finish it as the Boston Red Sox beat the Florida Marlins 8-2 on Tuesday night. Tim Wakefield (9-3) allowed two runs in six innings to improve to 6-0 at Fenway Park this season.

Chris Volstad (4-7) allowed nine hits and a career-high eight runs before he was chased in the fourth, when the Red Sox sent 11 batters to the plate. It was his fourth consecutive loss. Ortiz, who did not homer in the first six weeks of the season, now has five for the year — four of them in the last nine games □



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Jamaican Usain Bolt crosses a finish line to win the 100 meters men race the IAAF World Athletics Tour Golden Spike meeting in Ostrava, Czech Republic, Wednesday, June 17, 2009.

*Associated Press*

## Bolt wins 100 at Golden Spike meet at 9.77

KAREL JANICEK

Associated Press Writer

OSTRAVA, Czech Republic (AP) — Olympic champion and world record holder Usain Bolt showed his class Wednesday by winning the 100 meters at the Golden Spike meet in 9.77 seconds.

Bolt had a strong tail wind of 2.1 meters per second but he wasn't complaining.

"I'm just happy I got under 10 seconds," Bolt said. "Sometimes I got the right wind, sometimes I don't. I'm just happy I ran injury free," he said.

"It was quicker than I thought," said the Jamaican, who was cheered by the crowd long after his race.

Bolt cruised to victory ahead Britain's Craig Pickering, who finished well behind in 10.08. Ronald Pogon of France was third in 10.17.

Bolt established himself as the world's fastest man after setting world records in the 100 and 200 at last year's Beijing Olympics and was part of the Jamaican team that broke the world mark in the 4x100 relay. He ran 9.69 in the 100 at the games.

Bolt ran 9.93 in Spanish Town, Jamaica on March 14, but also with a help from a strong tail wind that meant the time could not be officially recognized. □

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# Bolivia confía en restablecer pronto relaciones con Perú

BOGOTA (Reuters) - Bolivia confía en normalizar y restablecer lo más pronto posible las relaciones diplomáticas con Perú, deterioradas por una serie de choques verbales entre funcionarios de los dos países, dijo el miércoles el canciller David Choquehuanca durante una visita a Colombia.

El Gobierno de Lima llamó a consultas a su embajador en La Paz después de declaraciones del presidente Evo Morales sobre política interna peruana en las que aseguró que las protestas indígenas eran una "gran lección" para entender las demandas ambientales de los pueblos originarios de ese país. Los comentarios se produjeron después de que el presidente peruano, Alan García, sugirió que Morales, el primer mandatario indígena de Bolivia, estaría detrás de las violentas protestas que dejaron al menos 34 muertos en la selva amazónica de Perú.

"Las relaciones de Bolivia y Perú atraviesan un momento complicado, un momento delicado, pero también quiero reflexionar a los medios de comunicación



El canciller boliviano, David Choquehuanca (izquierda en la imagen) saluda a su homólogo colombiano Jaime Bermúdez en el palacio San Carlos de Bogotá, 17 jun 2009. REUTERS/Jose Miguel Gomez

a no magnificar", dijo Choquehuanca.

"Nuestros pueblos quieren relaciones armoniosas, quieren relaciones de hermandad y los gobernantes tenemos que obedecer lo que nuestros

pueblos quieren. Tenemos la esperanza de que pronto se superen estos problemas que tenemos con Perú", agregó el diplomático.

Choquehuanca calificó de buenas las relaciones de Bolivia con Colombia y reveló que uno de los propósitos de su visita a Bogotá fue intercambiar experiencias en la lucha contra el narcotráfico.

El diplomático boliviano dijo desconocer la presencia de miembros de la guerrilla de las Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC) en su país como se denunció en el pasado.

"No tengo información sobre la presencia de miembros de las FARC en Bolivia", aseguró. Por su parte el canciller de Colombia, Jaime Bermúdez, destacó el avance de las relaciones diplomáticas y comerciales entre los dos países y afirmó que atraviesan por un buen momento. □

## Colombia y Perú intensificarán vigilancia aérea en frontera

BOGOTA (Reuters) - Colombia y Perú acordaron el miércoles intensificar la vigilancia aérea en su frontera binacional de la selva amazónica para combatir el narcotráfico, el tráfico de armas y la presencia de grupos armados ilegales.

Los dos países, considerados como los mayores productores de cocaína del mundo, comparten una frontera de 1.626 kilómetros en una región selvática considerada estratégica para el narcotráfico y el tráfico de armas destinadas a grupos armados ilegales.

"Es una zona muy selvática, por eso vamos a unir esos dos principales centros de poder, para poder combatir ese enemigo común que es el narcoterrorismo", dijo el jefe de operaciones de la Fuerza Aérea de Colombia, general Julio Alberto González. Los procedimientos de vigilancia e interdicción aérea de los dos países serán repasados en un simulacro previsto para finales de junio en las ciudades de Leticia e Iquitos. El primer ejercicio de interdicción aérea se realizó en el 2006. □

## Corte colombiana niega extradición a EEUU de carcelero de FARC

BOGOTA (Reuters) - La Corte Suprema de Justicia de Colombia negó el miércoles la extradición a Estados Unidos de un guerrillero de las FARC que mantuvo secuestrados en la selva a la ex candidata presidencial Ingrid Betancourt y a tres estadounidenses.

La decisión de no extraditar a Elí Mendoza, alias "Martín Sombra", implica una nueva derrota para la justicia de Estados Unidos. Washington fracasó previamente en su intento de llevar a sus tribunales a otros dos miembros de las Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC) implicados en el secuestro de Betancourt y de Keith Stansell, Marc Gonsalves y Thomas Howes, rescatados por el Ejército en julio del 2008.

Mendoza, de 56 años y capturado por la Policía de Colombia a comienzos del 2008, fue acusado por políticos y efectivos de las Fuerzas Armadas liberados después de permanecer años secuestrados por las FARC de ser uno de sus principales carceleros en campamentos rebeldes en medio de la selva. El tribunal aseguró que el delito de toma de rehenes y otros por los que una Corte Federal de Colombia lo solicitó en extradición se cometieron en territorio colombiano.

"Tomando en consideración que los hechos que sustentan los siete cargos imputados

ocurrieron en territorio colombiano (...) la Corte Suprema de Justicia conceptúa desfavorablemente la extradición del ciudadano Elí Mendoza, solicitada por el Gobierno de los Estados Unidos", precisó la sentencia.

En el pasado, la justicia colombiana autorizó la extradición a Estados Unidos de importantes líderes de las FARC como Ricardo Palmera, alias "Simón Trinidad" y Nayibe Rojas, alias "Sonia", quienes enfrentaron cargos por narcotráfico.

El presidente Alvaro Uribe, considerado como el principal aliado de Estados Unidos en América Latina, había anunciado su disposición de entregar a la justicia de ese país a los guerrilleros acusados de haber cuidado a rehenes en la selva si recibía la autorización de la corte.

Los antiguos rehenes rescatados en julio por el Ejército y otros que fueron entregados por la guerrilla en la selva de Colombia a misiones humanitarias acusaron a "Martín Sombra" de someterlos a humillaciones y tratos degradantes durante el cautiverio. Pese a la decisión de la corte, el acusado guerrillero deberá enfrentar una sentencia de 24 años en una cárcel colombiana, según las autoridades colombianas. □





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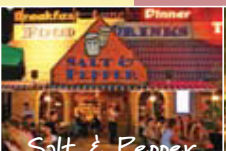
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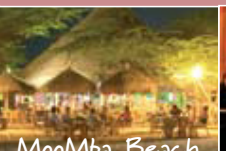
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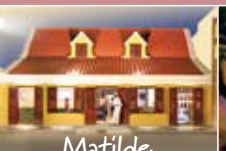
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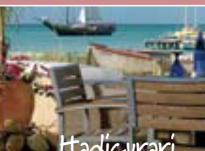
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